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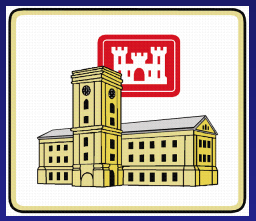
Agenda



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- Our Vision and Focus
- What We have Accomplished
- Continuing our Commitment
- Questions

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SERVING FIVE RIVER BASINS IN FIVE STATES

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

NAVIGATION

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RECREATION

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

MINNESOTA

WISCONSIN

IOWA

MISSOURI

ILLINOIS

Mississippi River

Turkey River

Maquoketa River

Wapsipinicon River

Skunk River

Des Moines River

Iowa River

Cedar River

Rock River

Illinois River

Kankakee River

Iroquois River

Sugar River

Fox River

Vermilion R.

Mackinaw River

Sangamon River

A LEADER IN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

At The Heart of the Upper Mississippi River System

What I Remember the Illinois River to Be

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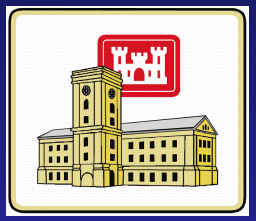
The Corps Vision and Focus



IRCC Vision and Focus

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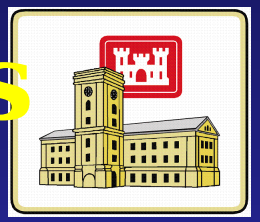

USDA

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USGS science for a changing world

Illinois Rivers 2020

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Audubon

Ducks Unlimited

The Nature Conservancy. Protecting nature. Preserving life.

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Upper Mississippi River Basin Association

Waterways Council, Inc.

RiverAction

UMIMRA

PUBLIC

NGO's

The American Waterways Operators

One Team: Relevant, Ready, Responsive and Reliable

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What We have Accomplished

Ecosystem Restoration

Completed 6 major projects

>22,000 acres of habitat benefited

1 project in design

>6,500 acres of habitat will benefit

>$52,000,000 (total)

Environmental Management Program

Continuing our Commitment

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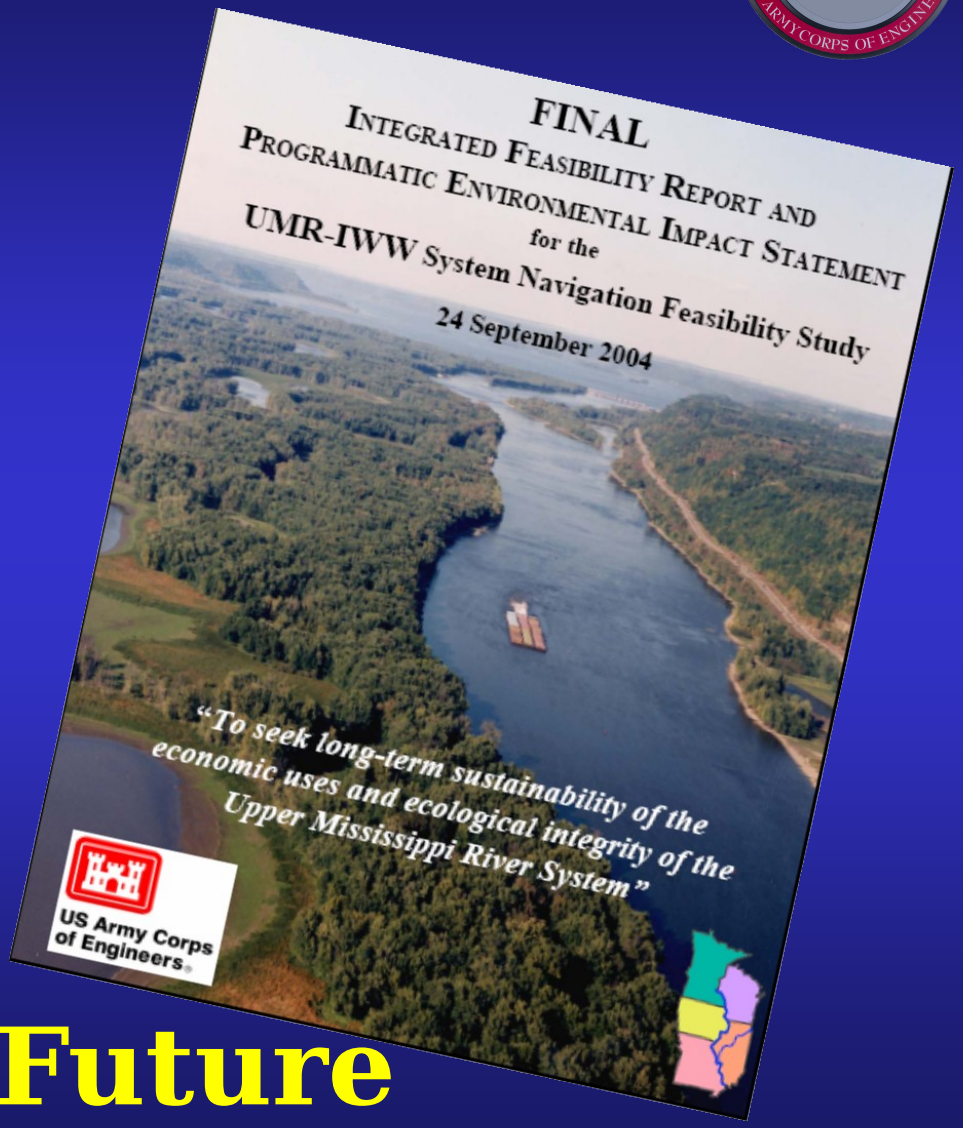
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INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT AND
PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
for the
UMR-IWW System Navigation Feasibility Study
24 September 2004
"To seek long-term sustainability of the economic uses and ecological integrity of the Upper Mississippi River System"
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The Future

Illinois River Basin Restoration

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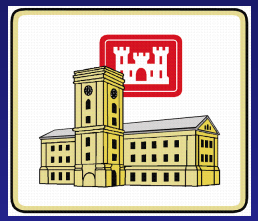
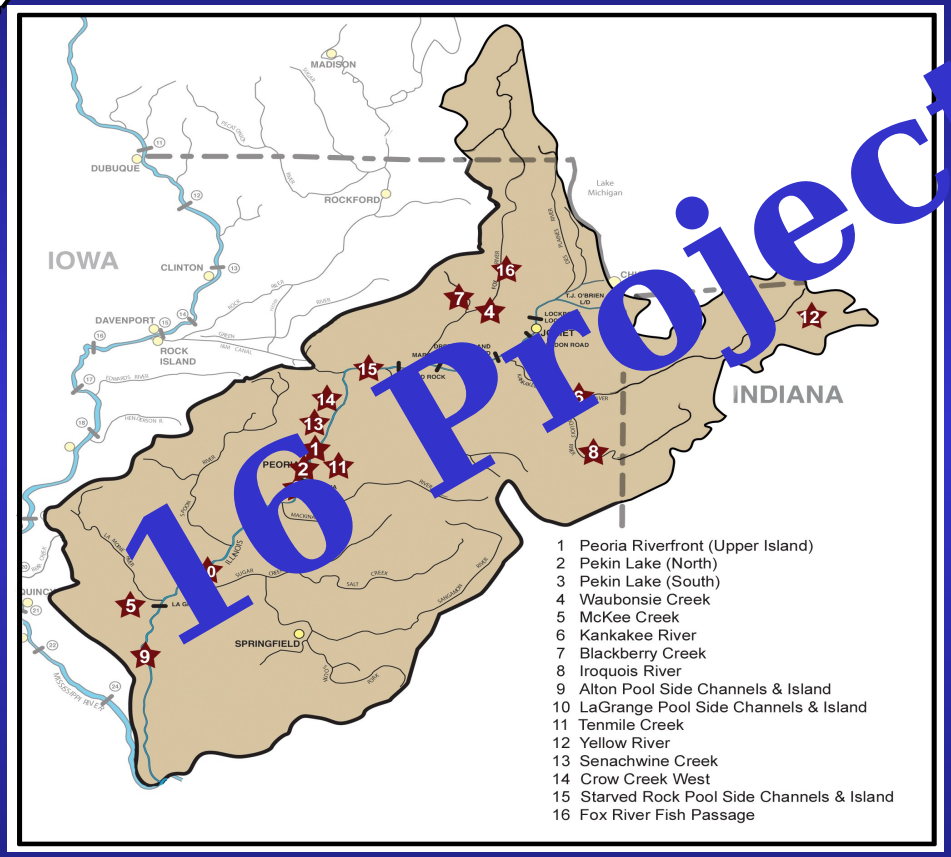


Designed

- Peoria Riverfront Upper Island
- Pekin Lake (Northern Unit)
- Pekin Lake (Southern Unit)
- Waubonsie Creek
- McKee Creek
- Kankakee River
- Blackberry Creek
- Iroquois River
- Alton Pool - Channel & Island
- LaGrange Pool – Channel & Island
- Tenmile Creek
- Yellow River
- Senachwine Creek
- Crow Creek West
- Starved Rock Pool – Side



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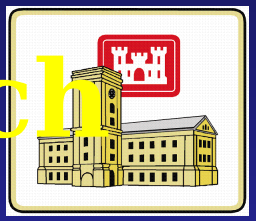
The Watershed Approach



- Treats the watershed as a system
- Helps puts an end to a collection of unrelated and unconnected Corps (and other) projects
- Enables better project integration with our federal, state, and local government; and non-government teammates
- Improves transparency, trust and understanding

Working with the team to produce a better river basin

Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program

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- Two modern locks at Peoria and LaGrange (no new dams). Completion date is beyond 2025
- Additional mooring cells and navigation enhancements (could be completed < 10 years)
- Adaptive implementation of several ecosystem restoration projects of less than $25 million each

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Questions?

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